

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A tunnel notcher and guidewire delivery device, comprising:
an elongate member with proximal and distal ends and an inner lumen extending therebetween, the inner lumen being adapted to receive a guidewire; and
a single-cutting element having a distal cutting edge disposed proximal to a distal portion of the elongate member, to the distal end of the elongate member and the cutting element being adapted to remove bone within an opening of a bone tunnel, the cutting element being the only cutting element disposed on the elongate member and being substantially wedge-shaped and extending radially outward from the elongate member,
wherein the distal portion of the elongate member has a length greater than a length of the cutting element.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein a distal portion of the distal end of the elongate member is substantially tapered.
3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the cutting element is disposed proximal to the substantially tapered distal portion of the elongate member.
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the cutting element includes a distal-facing surface that is disposed at an acute angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of the elongate member.
6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein the distal-facing surface is substantially concave.
7. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 6, wherein the angle between the distal facing surface of the cutting element and the longitudinal axis of the elongate member is less than 90°.
8. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the angle is in the range of about 20° to 70°.
9. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the cutting element includes a base portion coupled to the elongate member and a cutting edge positioned a distance apart from the elongate member.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the cutting edge is positioned distal to the base portion.
11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the cutting edge that is positioned a distance apart from the elongate member has a length that is less than a diameter of the elongate member.
12. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the cutting element is adapted to create a notch in bone having a substantially semi-circular shape.
13. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of indicia formed on a distal portion of the elongate member and adapted to indicate a depth of the elongate member within a bone tunnel.
14. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a handle disposed on a proximal portion of the elongate member.
15. (Original) The device of claim 14, wherein the handle extends in a direction transverse to a longitudinal axis of the elongate member.
16. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a locking mechanism adapted to lock the guidewire in a fixed position with respect to the elongate member.
17. (Original) The device claim 16, wherein the locking mechanism is formed on a handle mated to the proximal end of the elongate member.
18. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a threaded member disposed within a threaded bore formed in the handle, the threaded bore being in communication with the inner lumen of the elongate member.
- 19-33. (Canceled).
34. (Currently Amended) A tunnel notcher and guidewire delivery device, comprising:
an elongate member with proximal and distal ends and an inner lumen extending therebetween, the inner lumen being adapted to receive a guidewire; and

a single cutting element disposed proximal to the distal end of the elongate member and adapted to remove bone within an opening of a bone tunnel, the cutting element being the only cutting element disposed on the elongate member and being substantially wedge-shaped and extending radially outward from the elongate member and having a cutting edge that has a substantially arcuate shape.

35. (Currently Amended) A tunnel notcher and guidewire delivery device, comprising:

an elongate member with proximal and distal ends and an inner lumen extending therebetween, the inner lumen being adapted to receive a guidewire; and

a single cutting element disposed proximal to the distal end of the elongate member and adapted to remove bone within an opening of a bone tunnel, the cutting element being the only cutting element disposed on the elongate member and being substantially wedge-shaped such that a width of the cutting element increases in a proximal to distal direction.

36. (Canceled).